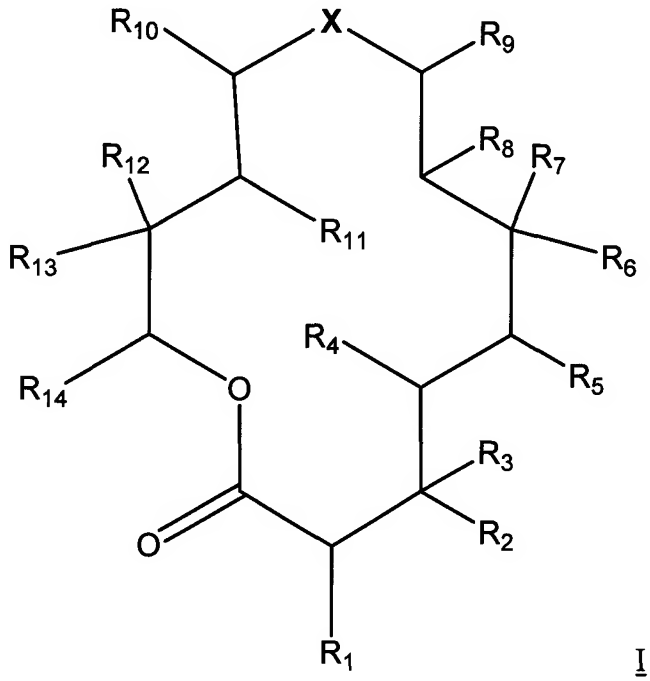
Claim Amendments:

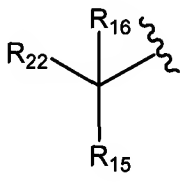
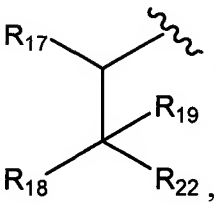
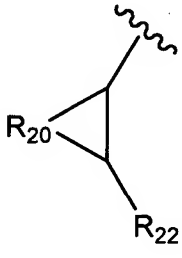
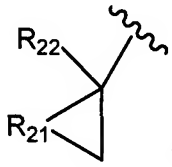
Claims 1-31 (Cancelled)

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A compound according to formula I below:

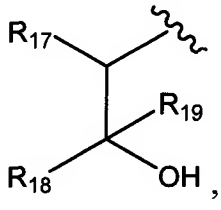


I

wherein X = -C(=O)-, -CH(OH)- or $-CH_2-$, R_1, R_4, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{12} are each independently H, CH_3 or CH_2CH_3, R_2 = OH or ~~any~~ a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of O-cladinose, O-mycarose, O-rhamnose, 2′-O-methyl rhamnose, 2′,3′-bismethyl rhamnose, 2′,3′,4′-tris-O-methyl rhamnose, O-digitoxose, O-olivose, O-oliose, O-oleandrose, O-desosamine, O-mycarminose, O-angolosamine and O-megosamine; R_3 = H, or R_2 and R_3 together are keto; R_5 = OH or ~~any~~ a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of O-cladinose, O-mycarose, O-rhamnose, 2′-O-methyl rhamnose, 2′,3′-bismethyl rhamnose, 2′,3′,4′-tris-O-methyl rhamnose, O-digitoxose, O-olivose, O-oliose, O-oleandrose, O-desosamine, O-mycarminose, O-angolosamine and O-megosamine; R_7 = H, OH; R_8 = H, OH;

R_{11} = H, OH, R_{13} = H, OH, R_{14} =  ,  ,  or  where: R_{15} is H or a C_1-C_7 alkyl group or C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl group; R_{16} is H, a C_1-C_7 alkyl group or C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl group, R_{17}, R_{18} and R_{19} are each independently H or a C_1-C_7 alkyl group or R_{20} or R_{21} are $(CH_2)_x$ where x = 2-5 and R_{22} is O-R_{23} where R_{23} = H or a C_1 to C_7 alkyl group or C_1-C_7 acyl group; or R_{22} and R_{16} together are a keto group; or R_{22} and R_{19} together are a keto group; ~~or a variant of a compound as defined above which differs in the oxidation state of one or more of the ketide units (i.e. selection of~~ alternatives from the group: -CO-, -CH(OH)-, alkene –CH-, and CH_2); with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

(a) when R_2 = OH, *O*-cladinose or *O*-mycarose and R_5 is OH or *O*-desosamine

(b) when R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3, R_3 = H, R_2 = *O*-oleandrose, R_5 = *O*-desosamine, R_7 = OH, R_8 = R_{13} = H and R_{14} =  , where R_{17} = R_{18} = R_{19} = H,

(c) when R_2 or R_5 = *O*-mycaminose

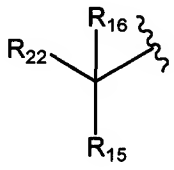
(d) when R_2 or R_5 = *O*-angolosamine.

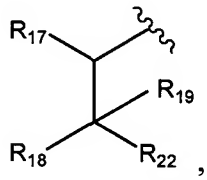
Claim 33 (Original): A compound according to claim 32 wherein R_2 is selected from *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose and methylated derivatives thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose.

Claim 34 (Original): A compound according to claim 33 wherein R_2 is a said methylated derivative selected from 2'-O-methyl, 2',3'-*bis*-*O*-methyl and 2',3',4'-*tris*-*O*-methyl.

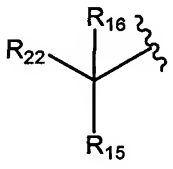
Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, wherein R_5 is a glycosyl

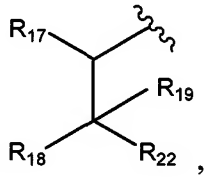
group selected from *O*-mycaminose and *O*-angolosamine.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, where X = -C(=O)-, R_1 =R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3, R_2 = OH, *O*-rhamnose or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose, R_3 = H, R_5 = OH, *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine; R_7 = H, OH; R_8 = H, OH, OCH_3; R_{11} = H, OH; R_{13} = H, OH; R_{14} = 

or 

, where: R_{15} = H, CH_3,or CH_2CH_3 and R_{16} is H; or R_{17} and R_{18} are each independently H or CH_3; R_{19} is H and R_{22} is OH.

Claim 37 (Original): A compound according to claim 36, where X = -C(=O)-, R_1 =R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3, R_2 = OH, *O*-rhamnose or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose; R_3 = H; R_5 = OH, *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine; R_7 = H, OH; R_8 = H, OH, OCH_3; R_{11} = H, OH; R_{13} = H, OH; R_{14} = 

or 

, where: R_{15} = CH_3; R_{16} is H; or R_{17} = R_{18} = R_{19} = H and R_{22} is OH.